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Family Division Judicial Symposium



Enhancing Judicial Decision-Making and Practices in Delinquency and Domestic Relations Proceedings

March 20, 2008

Michigan Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) is pleased to announce a day-long symposium (rescheduled from October, 2007) for new and experienced family division judges. The symposium will consist of simultaneous sessions throughout the day on topics of interest to judges who preside over delinquency and domestic relations matters.

DESCRIPTION

The symposium is designed for family division judges wishing to enhance their knowledge and decision-making skills in juvenile delinquency, divorce, and child custody cases. The symposium will include sessions on legal, social, and psychological topics.

PARTICIPANTS

Registration is limited to 90 participants and applicants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

FACULTY

National speakers, and frequent faculty for programs offered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, will serve as faculty for the delinquency proceedings sessions. Experienced family division judges, lawyers, and professionals will serve as the faculty for the domestic relations proceedings sessions.

SCHEDULE

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Morning simultaneous sessions
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Complimentary group luncheon
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Afternoon simultaneous sessions
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Juvenile Proceedings	Domestic Relations Proceedings
<p>Adolescent Development and Strengths: Inside the Adolescent Brain, Dr. Susan Yeres, Consultant, San Francisco New insights into brain development demonstrate specific conditions that exist in the brain only during adolescence. Linking this research to the stage of adolescent development has generated a better understanding of the way in which adolescents perceive the world, themselves, and their behaviors. Participants will explore the connections between the adolescent brain function and behavior, and discuss the motivation for these connections in light of new research.</p> <p>Stages of Behavior Change, Hon. Henry Weber (Ret.) 30th Judicial Circuit, Kentucky This session examines how the Prochaska and DiClemente's Stages of Change Model can be utilized by treatment providers and judges to better respond to delinquent behaviors. Clients' assessment of "staging" along with appropriate "stage-specific" interventions encouraging behavior change will be reviewed.</p> <p>Co-Occurring Disorders, Ms. Lilas Rajace-Moore, Juvenile Probation Department, Denver This session provides an overview of coexisting mental health and substance abuse conditions that frequently exist among juvenile delinquents. In addition to examining the general dynamic of co-occurring disorders, there will be discussion related to effectively dealing with this special population by utilizing juvenile justice-, education-, treatment-, community-, and family-based resources.</p> <p>Working with Girls, Ms. Susan James-Andrews, Consultant, Maryland Many programs in the juvenile justice and treatment systems have been developed with boys in mind because they have been the largest population in these systems. Girls come to the program with a different set of developmental issues and needs. This session will examine effective approaches for addressing the unique needs of girls.</p> <p>Effective and Innovative Approaches to Juvenile Substance Abuse Treatment, Dr. Susan Yeres, Consultant, San Francisco This session will review practices established to be successful in the field of adolescent substance abuse treatment. Participants will participate in activities that will strengthen their ability to engage and retain youth in treatment.</p>	<p>Managing Child Support Cases Using Problem-Solving Principles, Hon. Michael J. Theile, 7th Circuit Court; and Ms. Kristy K. Ocenasek, PACT Coordinator, 7th Circuit Court In this session, judges will learn how alternatives to incarceration for nonpayment of support can lead to increased support collections as well as improve the noncustodial parent's relationship with his or her child. Using principles of problem-solving courts, North Carolina Judge, Honorable Kristin Ruth linked community resources (employment programs, mediation services, electronic detention services) and frequent court reviews to decrease incarceration sanctions and increase support collections. Learn how one family division has implemented similar programs with immediate results.</p> <p>Impact of Bankruptcy Proceeding Filing on a Pending State Domestic Relations Matter, Mr. David Ruskin, JD, Standing Chapter 13 Trustee; and Ms. Lisa Gretchko, JD, Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. This session will briefly review the recent changes to the bankruptcy code and then discuss the law regarding the effect of a bankruptcy proceeding filing on a pending state domestic relations matter.</p> <p>Defusing the High Conflict Divorce, Mr. James Windell, MA, 6th Circuit Court; and Hon. Linda Hallmark, Oakland County Probate Court This session explains how high conflict divorces are created, how solution-oriented interventions (parent coordination, court based group treatment programs, and strategic mediation models) may defuse the conflict and refocus the parties. Successful strategies employed by the judge that can be used in future high conflict cases will also be discussed.</p> <p>Managing the PPO Docket, Hon. Joseph Costello, 38th Circuit Court; and Hon. Joan Young, 6th Circuit Court This session will briefly review the law and procedure related to ex parte orders, hearings on petitions to grant, motions to modify or terminate orders, and show cause hearings. The session will continue with a discussion on best practice tips for managing hearings involving these matters.</p>

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending this symposium, please complete the attached registration form and fax to MJI as indicated on the form.

CONFIRMATION

Applicants will be mailed a confirmation letter detailing specific on-site registration information. If you have not received a confirmation letter by March 10, please contact MJI as indicated below.

LODGING AND MEALS

MJI will provide double-occupancy at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel for all participants whose courts are located more than 65 miles from the Michigan Hall of Justice, the night prior to the seminar (Wednesday, March 19). If you request a single-occupancy room, you will be responsible for one-half of the double-occupancy room rate. Please make an appropriate lodging request on the attached registration form.

All participants will receive complimentary coffee, tea, and ice water throughout the symposium. In addition, participants will be provided with a complimentary group luncheon and a parking pass for the Michigan Hall of Justice visitor lot. All other incidentals, including dinner, mileage, entertainment, phone calls, etc., are the responsibility of each individual or his/her funding unit.

Facility space constraints will not allow MJI to make any arrangements to accommodate spouses, family, or friends of a participant for meals or the symposium itself.

MJI facilities accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations, please indicate your needs on the attached registration form.

QUESTIONS

Please direct questions concerning the symposium application process to Anne DeMarco at demarcoa@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-7349. If you have questions about the content of the symposium, please contact Dawn McCarty at mccartyd@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-7509.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday, March 7, 2008

Michigan Judicial Institute
Registration Form

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NAME: _____

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Morning Simultaneous Sessions

9:00-10:30 a.m. – choose one

- ☐ Session A: Adolescent Development and Strengths: Inside the Adolescent Brain
- ☐ Session B: Managing Child Support Cases Using Problem-Solving Principles

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – choose one

- ☐ Session C: Stages of Behavior Change
- ☐ Session D: Impact of Bankruptcy Proceeding Filing on a Pending State Domestic Relations Matter

Afternoon Simultaneous Sessions

1:00-2:15 p.m. – choose one

- ☐ Session E: Co-Occurring Disorders
- ☐ Session F: Defusing the High Conflict Divorce

2:30-4:30 p.m. – choose one

- ☐ Session G: Part I - Working with Girls
Part II - Effective and Innovative Approaches to Juvenile Substance Abuse Treatment
- ☐ Session H: Managing the PPO Docket

To assist faculty in the preparation of their presentation, please identify which session(s) and issues that you would suggest be considered for discussion:

Lodging Policy

MJI will provide double-occupancy lodging the night prior to the seminar (Wednesday, March 19) at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel for all participants whose courts are located more than 65 miles from the Michigan Hall of Justice. All rooms are double-occupancy and will be assigned roommates by MJI. If you wish for a single-occupancy room, you will be required to pay approximately \$40.00, plus tax, per night at the time of checkout. Please indicate your accommodations preference below. Room reservations must be made with MJI by **Friday, March 7, 2008**.

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Lodging Accommodations

- ☐ I **will not** require lodging.
- ☐ I **will** require lodging for Wednesday evening, March 19.
- ☐ I prefer a single-occupancy room. (I will pay approximately \$40.00, plus tax.)
- ☐ I prefer a double-occupancy room. (MJI pays and will assign a roommate.)
- ☐ I am a **smoker** ☐ I am a **nonsmoker**

Preferred Roommate: _____ Court: _____

Accommodations Guarantee

Hotel rooms can ONLY be guaranteed with a credit card number. Rooms not guaranteed will be released by the hotel at 5:00 p.m.

To guarantee your hotel room, please provide the following credit card information.

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- ☐ Other: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Lodging Cancellation

MJI arranges guaranteed room reservations based on your request. If you do not call the hotel and cancel your reservation on or before March 19 by 5:00 p.m., the cost of the room will be charged by the hotel to the credit card account you provided.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Chief Judge Signature _____ Date _____

Fax this completed and **SIGNED** two-page registration form by
Friday, March 7, 2008, to:
Anne DeMarco, Fax: (517) 373-7615